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We have a book club at the Frederick Christian Church pick “Mere Christianity” as a book to read. A friend of mine gave me one when I was going through some challenging times. I finally got to read it and found I would have appreciated it then and more now as I know more now. Think of this as a book review, cliff notes, and some additional things I have learned so far. Years later this “Jesus Simplified” will be different and likely more Simplified.

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Preface:

C. S. Lewis writes about the word Christian. He predicts that “Christian” “...will speedily become a useless word.” if it is spiritualized. He thought that un-believers would use the term Christian for a “good man”, and we should just say good man. It did not turn out that way. Most un-believers have come to see too many Christians, that are supposed to love and forgive, do anything but love and forgive. They have seen too many Christians tell others what to do, but not do what they say, and do not like being told what to do themselves. Too many Christians have not treated the least of us like Jesus is in them.

In the same way, too many religious people have made the word God stand for far less than Good. Jesus called His God Good. I suggest it is better to call God “Good” as a start. Some Atheist are correct that the God they are presented, is not a God to believe in. C. S. Lewis has made a great point about using our language accurately. Look at the challenge of understanding Jesus who spoke in Aramaic, when we are reading in English translated from Greek. Sometime it can be Greek to me and others. I often have to go back to the Greek to get closer.

C. S. Lewis wrote: “We can not judge, and are indeed forbidden to judge.” I love it. However, there is a difference between discernment and judgment. When I am judging I am upset. When I am discerning I am at peace. Indeed, C. S. Lewis’ call for understanding among Christians will happen when Christians are all at peace. Jesus will be back when Christians become the body of Christ that is full of love, forgiveness, and peace. Then Gee-He’s-Us is Jesus, will be true.

Book I: Right and Wrong as a Clue to the Meaning of the Universe

Chapter 1: The Law of Human Nature

C. S. Lewis’ point is that we all know deep down what is fair. Fairness is written in our hearts and we know when we have not been fair. We know when we have not been treated fairly. We also know what is moral when we think of moral as “more all”, a the highest good of all concerned. Fairness is about the golden rule. The problem is that when I treat others as I want to be treated, I do not wanted to be treated too good. When I treat others like they treat me when

they are mean, it does not work to treat them mean. The reason is that both parties are carrying too much conscious and unconscious guilt and do not really want to be treated too good.

C. S. Lewis writes: "Selfishness has never been admired." That has also changed over time. The rich are admired now. The poor are misjudged as lazy and unworthy. Jesus these were the people more likely to understand Him. "Greed is good now." The rich are unwilling to pay their culture back, for making them rich. The rich are unwilling to pay to avoid a French Revolution because, they believe they are safe by paying for enough force. The rich do not like the word "empathy" these days. Must be uncomfortable for them. I work with some poor and it is easy to empathize with them. I work with the better off and it is easy to empathize with them. I know their EGO's can not help wanting more and more. That just makes them more selfish. When I become richer I will be happy to pay more for those that got me there. At least their EGO's that want more, have more of a reason than the rich.

C. S. Lewis' bottom line is: "They know the Law of Nature; they break it." That makes all of us "Perfectly Imperfect". Why do we break it? We are judgmental and our own judgments come upon us.

## Chapter 2: Some Objections

C. S. Lewis' point is that there are levels of standards that can become known over time. There are competing standards. C. S. Lewis missed the opportunity to point out that Jesus told us what some of the unchanging standards are. There are higher spiritual concepts. Jesus' concept on always forgiving is one concept that very few actually believe in. Most people believe that they are hurt by what others say. The truth is that their own judgment on themselves hurts themselves. People can be hurt by what people do to them, but they do not realize that they can continue to be hurt by their judgments they have not cleared by forgiveness.

Beliefs get in the way of the truth. Sacrificing babies was OK at one time. Then sacrificing animals was OK at one time. Now, sacrificing money is OK. "Good" does not need any of these. But, people did need sacrifices, and do, to feel less guilty. The sacrifice they are avoiding is surrendering to Good.

## Chapter 3: The Reality of the Law

C. S. Lewis' point is the even though we are selfish, we should be less selfish. Perhaps I can add a reason. Since Jesus is in the least of us, He is in all of us. Why would we not consider everyone when we get this fact? Another way to say this is that we are all One.

C. S. Lewis wrote: "That is the key to history. Terrific energy is expended -- civilizations are built up -- excellent institutions devised; but each time something goes wrong. Some fatal flaw always brings the selfish and cruel people to the top and it all slides back into misery and ruin. In fact, the machine conks. It seems to start up all right and runs a few yards, and then it breaks down. They are trying to run on the wrong juice. That is what Satan has done to us humans." [Tea party anyone? They have good intentions paving the way to Hell because mad people do not think well.]

## Chapter 4: What Lies Behind the Law

C. S. Lewis writes that there is a natural view of creation and a religious view. C. S. Lewis is right that science can not answer the questions of meaning. Science answers the questions of how. In my lifetime, I have already watched how people over used antibiotics to cause the survival of the fittest bacteria to evolved into the deadly MRSA bacteria. I knew as a teen, that this would be the result from the theory of evolution. The process of evolution was proved, as well as my prediction that patients and doctors would over use antibiotics.

Science can pose the questions of meaning from the pattern of evolution. All of life has evolved from simple to complex, from conflict to cooperation, from meaningless to meaningful. Nature favors cooperation and meaningfulness in the long run. See: [ThankGodForEvolution.com](http://ThankGodForEvolution.com). This is more in alignment with the “Creative Evolution” with a mind that C. S. Lewis writes is the religious view.

We have a jumbled up Record in the Rocks, with a collection of Books called the Bible. I do not find much conflict in this apparent chaos. The Record in the Rocks is jumbled up, because the record was mainly created in Chaos, not Uniformity per past theories. The books in the bible also evolved from stoning and animal sacrifice in the old testament, to community and cooperation in Acts. In fact, the so called “missing links” are the best data for creation in times of maximum Chaos. The uniform links are the best data for slow creation in times of minimum chaos. Creation is just fast evolution and evolution is just slow creation. It looks to me like too many “Christians” are shooting themselves in their feet that are in sinking sand. It is time to embrace the reality of this world and the reality of Good’s spiritual world together.

I can tell you how to use science to discover the reality of Good’s spiritual world. Simply do this scientific experiment. Compare notes with friends that are praying to the Santa Claus God.

1. First, knock off the Santa Claus prayers, for physical and spiritual gifts for yourself. Quit asking Santa to fix you, and others.
2. Keep a list of your personal questions you are asking Good, in priority order. You could start with some questions from what I have written here. Start some with: “How Can I ...? or What Can I...?”
3. Re write your list in priority order, with every new question.
4. Compare your increasing list daily, with what is happening in your life. Put your story in your Journal with your list.
5. Thank Good for your answers.
6. Have patience. I call patience the big “P”.

7. Since you do not know the answers to your questions, Who is answering them?
8. Ask yourself who and or what is it that is answering your questions.

We do know some things about the “something behind” that C. S. Lewis writes about. We know that some particles or waves disappear into “it” and how they come out of “it”. That level of our universe is paradoxical and mystical. One of C. S. Lewis’ points is that we have to go within ourselves to explore the source what is right, good, fair, sensible...

#### Chapter 5: We Have Cause to Be Uneasy

C. S. Lewis writes about our universe as a beautiful, but dangerous place. He uses the word merciless. Here is the miracle, we are in a dangerous universe, but on a planet that we can turn into Eden or Hell. Our choice, that is our Test. It is an illusion that we are in danger because we will be in Good’s presence if his earth is wiped out.

Does Good want us to choose Eden? Sure, but to do so requires enough of us to choose to ask Good how to make this planet Eden. P. S. Eden means Pleasure. The challenge is that we need to learn to cooperate with both Good and every one here.

C. S. Lewis introduces a hard as nails Good God. Then he introduces the Christian Good God that forgave us by taking on our sins. Then why to fear Good? Because our own conscious and unconscious judgments are still there to come upon us. Not Good’s judgments, because Good knows why we have misjudged. Our challenge is to come into Good’s understanding of our misjudgments by forgiving ourselves enough.

#### Book II: What Christians Believe

##### Chapter 1: The Rival Conceptions of God

Most importantly C. S. Lewis tells us that we can believe any truth from any religion simply because it is true. This could help my Christian friends become less judgmental about other religions. But, like I just wrote above, their judgments will come upon them in some form. It would make sense to drop this bad habit. In the recovery community they say: Keep the Best and Leave the Rest.

C. S. Lewis makes a big point of the difference between the Pantheist and Christians with good and evil. That made me immediately think of the Tree of Life in Genesis and The Revelation of Jesus, the first and last of the bible. So, his piece was about the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Evil is just Eve which means Life and Ill which means Sick. So, Evil is just life sickness that has not evolved to be good, yet. Perhaps we do not need to fight the Pantheist either, nor be a C. S. Lewis fighting Christian. The Kingdom of Good is Within. The rocks could cry out for Jesus. God is everywhere. What if God is within everything. Modern physics would not have any problem with that. He is not the painting, the painting evolved out of the nothingness and consciousness of God. When you go back to the Hebrew in the 10 Commandments, God talks of

His nothingness. That is the only way God could be everywhere, by being nothingness, that is spirit.

C. S. Lewis as the atheist, had a hard question. If a Good God made the earth, why is it such a mess? Two reasons. It has not yet evolved to Good. People have made a mess of it have not yet evolved to Good. That is why they are making a mess of the earth. C. S. Lewis is right that we have to have some connection to Good to realize that it is a mess here. Since we made a lot of the mess, we have a lot to clean up since Jesus is here in all of us, including the least of us.

## Chapter 2: The Invasion

C. S. Lewis writes about the “Dark Power”. The Dark Power concept that was miscreated from the Bible, has given too much power to something that is weak in reality. The recovery community was inspired to come up with the EGO, Edging God Out! When you go back and reread the bible looking for the EGO, it all begins to make sense. And, with this little demon, recovery becomes more reasonable. Recovery is harder battling a world wide Demon. A “World Wide Demon” makes it easier to say “The Devil made me do it.” An easy excuse on a “Blame Game” planet. That makes C. S. Lewis right that the planet is in enemy territory. He is wrong that the churches are much of a threat to the EGO’s territory. Most church businesses are owned by the EGOs that run them and attend.

## Chapter 3: The Shocking Alternative

C. S. Lewis calls the ruler of our world the “Prince of the World”. I call our EGO “Prince of War”, because Jesus the opposite, is our “Prince of Peace”. I agree that there is no value in choosing the good with free will, unless you can choose the sick. What most people do not know is that there are biases in our unconscious to choose the sick. So, when we choose the good it is even more valuable. C. S. Lewis is right that the major problem with EGOs is that they want to be God. So, if all EGOs want to be God, that makes them equal at having the problem. They have this judgment that they are Gods because of their individual Pride. Jesus solved that problem when you are willing to read that He said he was “Son of Man”, Son of God, and that “Ye are Gods”. Jesus said he had to leave to be the Holy Spirit, in the least of us. That makes us all equal. That makes us Jesus when we come into agreement with Jesus’ sayings. That is how we remove our separation from Good to find our happiness and peace.

C. S. Lewis wrote “Some fatal flaw always brings the selfish and cruel people to the top and it all slides into misery and ruin.” That fatal flaw is the EGO in all of us.

[Good, where did the tea party go wrong? They did right by bringing up the long range issue. They did wrong by making things worse in the present. They were needed back when the problems were being created time after time. Reagan increased the Social Security tax, but then borrowed the increase to finance out spending the Russians for Star Wars. Just like Bush, Reagan was not willing to pay for his Cold War, he just put it on our credit card. We may have followed Reagan to pay for his Cold War, but we were unlikely to follow Bush Jr. in his two wars. The Republicans would not have raised taxes to pay for their wars. I saw a cartoon that

said the total costs of World War II in today's dollars was 4 Trillion, the same costs for Bush Jr's wars that are not over yet.]

C. S. Lewis correctly points out that Jesus was claiming to be the God of the Jews. That would mean that he was claiming to be the Messiah. That would mean that Jesus would be taking on the prophesies of the Messiah, not the wrathful God of the Past. By being the sacrifice for all our sins, there was only a Good God. There no longer could be a wrathful God! Jesus talked about being given all of us. That made all of us able to be filled with the Holy Spirit. That made Jesus in the least of us.

Most Jews do not accept Jesus as their Messiah because they expected Him to bring peace to our planet. What they do not know is that Jesus came again as the Holy Spirit in all of us to complete our mission of bringing peace to our planet. When we all get around to really keeping His sayings, Peace will be here. We will then be the fully realized Princes and Princesses of Peace.

C. S. Lewis correctly pointed out that in forgiving everything, including what was done to others and against God, he had to be doing so in the perspective of Good God. This is a foreshadow for when He would be in the least of us.

#### Chapter 4: The Perfect Penitent

C. S. Lewis' chapter is about alternative theories of what Jesus' atonement is. That helped me to think and that helped me finish what I wrote in Chapter 3 above. It helped me to see deeper into what already made sense to me.

#### Chapter 5: The Practical Conclusion

##### Baptism, Belief, and Communion

Why communion? As a spiritual therapist, communion to remember Jesus already made sense to me. Bread is a good metaphor for food to give life energy to our body. Wine is a good metaphor for spirit since it is called spirits. Red wine is a good metaphor for blood because of its color and because blood carries our life energy through out our body.

Baptism already made sense to me as a ritual. Ritual = Right-You-All. It is a good metaphor for surrendering, dying, and coming back to life more abundant. Water is a good reminder of the ocean. The ocean is a good metaphor for where life started and God, the ocean of love and mercy.

Belief. Beliefs have consequences. When we believe in gravity, we can use gravity and quit trying to fight it. When we believe that Jesus is in us and we are responsible for finishing the prophesy of the Messiah, then all of us can get on with bring more peace to our planet. Jesus came as a baby, Jesus came back after the cross to eat and talk with many like He said, Jesus cane again as the Holy Spirit to be with us to finish our mission, and Jesus came again is all of us. That is four times. But when we believe that Jesus will come again for the fifth time to be a

wrathful God and clean up our mess, we are more wrathful like old testament Jews. Some of us do not save for the future. Some become more selfish. Some support war more. Some EGOs are made worse EGOs. Some believe they will be the elect and act like they are the elect.

When we believe there is no hope, we get to be right. When we believe that there is always hope, we get to be right.

C. S. Lewis asked the hard question of what about people of other and no religions. Jesus said he had sheep of other pastures. I even believe that if any Muslim was surrendering to the ultimate truths and the most high Good five times a day, instead of a book and a city on the planet, they will find the ultimate truths and the most high Good. Those that ask the most high Good questions like I did will find the most high Good. Ask and the door will be open to you. Not asking for the door to be opened, but questions like: What are my keys to your kingdom?

When C. S. Lewis talks about Christ living in Christians as the body of Christ, Would it not be a good idea to keep asking Christ what to do? C. S. Lewis used the expression of evolving of the body of Christ, the believers. Evolution can not be all bad. If self forgiveness like on <http://nchoa.net/TheOneProblem.pdf> was taught in the churches, there would not just be evolution happening, there would be creation happening!

C. S. Lewis asks the question of why God is not coming in force. He believes He will. I believe we are already here to spread happiness, love, peace, understanding, forgiving, compassion, tolerance, acceptance, thanks, and spirit. We are not here to spread hate, war, misunderstanding, blaming, meanness, intolerance, rejection, ingratitude, and EGOs. We are here to Edge Good In and spread EGIs!

Book III: Christian Behavior

Chapter 1: The Three Parts of Morality

C. S. Lewis writes that the first part is harmony between individuals, second harmony within self, and third in harmony with the purpose of life. The common cause I expose is to complete our mission as parts of the Messiah whole to bring peace to our planet.

C. S. Lewis wrote: “We are getting to the point at which different beliefs about the universe lead to different behavior.” I also wrote that above, about beliefs lead to behavior. He writes that people that believe that they only have about 70 years, then the State is more important the person. But if Christians believe that their life is eternal, then the State is not important. Then why do some try to take over the State to force their morality on the unbelieving people? That must mean that they are the ones that do not really believe their faith.

Chapter 2: The “Cardinal Virtues”

C. S. Lewis: PRUDENCE where we are practical and smart about it. TEMPERANCE where we are moderate in all things. JUSTICE where we are fair, honest, reliable. FORTITUDE where

we have guts under danger. These are qualities of character we even need for heaven per C. S. Lewis.

### Chapter 3: Social Morality

C. S. Lewis starts with “Do as you would be done by.” The golden rule from the New Testament that is not a new rule. A clue is even in the word mercy. Mercy = Mirror-See, See your self in the mirror of the other person, and therefore have mercy. C. S. Lewis goes on to write that this rule should guide all Christians. He goes on to point out that the clergy of the church were not qualified to “put our a political programme.” He goes on to say the lay people had more relevant experiences. He goes on to point out that even the New Testament says everyone must work, but so that they can meet the needs of the needy. He acknowledges that a “Christian” society would be Leftist one that obeyed those in charge and happy. He wonders why we allow usury, but has no answer. He acknowledges we will not have a Christians society until we become fully Christian.

### Chapter 4: Morality and Psychoanalysis

C. S. Lewis makes an interesting and accurate case that we can not make a good moral choice while we have a psychological illness. Since we all have psychological and unconscious baggage, we can not be judged for our moral choices by people. God knows our handicaps and discerns accordingly.

He is right that we all will be surprised when we are without our baggage. We agree that every decision is a step towards heaven of hell here and that goes with us. His last point is that we become more sensitive what is good as we make good decisions, but we just get more unconscious as we continue to make more bad decisions. My terms would be as we make more good decisions we get closer to Good and discern better, but as we make more bad decisions we get more angry and think worse the farther we get from Good.

### Chapter 5: Sexual Morality

I would have said the same thing as Chapter 4: “C. S. Lewis makes an interesting and accurate case that we can not make a good moral choice while we have a psychological illness. Since we all have psychological and unconscious baggage, we can not be judged for our moral choices by people. God knows our handicaps and discerns accordingly.” Without the psychological problems, sex before marriage could be managed by

### Chapter 6: Christian Marriage

C. S. Lewis reminds us that Jesus said we were one flesh in marriage. They would remain that way if they only forgave themselves and their mate all the time. The other issues would be irrelevant.

Once you can forgive yourself and the one you live with forgiving strangers is even easier...



## Chapter 7: Forgiveness

C. S. Lewis has made clear the difficulty with forgiving enemies because this was written just after defeating the Nazis. When Jesus told us to pray to forgive us our sins as we forgive others, this was before He helped the Father forgive all sins. Now, the sins left to forgive are our own. To forgive our own judgments, our misjudgments. When we see the sins in others we can only be judgmental when we are judging ourselves. C. S. Lewis has a good suggestion of starting with the small sins, small judgments.

C. S. Lewis writes about hating the sin but not the sinner. He goes on to write that it is Christian to hate things like cruelty. I can understand this point of view. He talks of a different, of wishing them recovery. He has a good test of what kind of hate, when we find they are innocent and miss the delicious hate we felt. For ordinary hating the sin, it is still hate in my heart. When I have forgiven my judgment on the sin enough, I will be at peace. I will better discern the mistake. At peace, I am more likely to have more options on what to do to help reduce the sins.

C. S. Lewis writes of killing at peace as OK, but killing with hate is Murder. Like everything in life, it depends. I like his illustration of soldiers that kill each meeting on the other side and laughing. His words are "...we must not hate and enjoy hating." The same for punishing. He suggests wishing them well. That makes sense to me, that is following Good's example of wishing a good life for all of his children.

Good loves us with no conditions, we are to go and do likewise. Good totally understands us and knows we are doing our best considering where we are, we are to go and do likewise.

## Chapter 8: The Great Sin

**PRIDE!** C. S. Lewis writes that no one is free of the vice of pride. He writes that everyone hates seeing pride in others. He writes that few except Christians see pride in themselves. He writes that people except Christians will admit to almost everything else before this. He writes that except for Christians, few show mercy. The joke is that when we are upset seeing pride in others, we have unhealthy pride. He points out that the more unhealthy pride we have the more we dislike it in others. He correctly points out that unhealthy pride leads to all the other vices. As I wrote before, EGO is Edging Good Out. The opposite is healthy humility. Not the humility of being the most humble. Healthy humility is the same as healthy pride, being at peace.

There is healthy pride. Healthy pride is about accuracy. Healthy pride is not about comparison to others. Healthy pride is about finding we can do some things we did not think we could do. Healthy pride is about peace, unhealthy pride is about not being at peace.

I like C. S. Lewis' criteria for unhealthy pride: "How much do I dislike it when other people snub me, or refuse to take any notice of me, or shove their oar in, or patronize me, or show off?"

C. S. Lewis writes that Pride is about competition. I would say between EGOs. EGOs and Pride need more of anything than someone else has. The rich are never rich enough. EGO's want to be above the rest. C. S. Lewis writes that the evils of the world from greed and selfishness are

really from Pride. It does not matter what the competition is for, girls, money, toys, power, more power, more admirers, more etc. C. S. Lewis points out that Pride is the source of misery in the world. That Pride creates enmity with people and God. That the Proud can not know God. He writes: "...as long as you are looking down, you can not see something that is above you."

C. S. Lewis writes that those that think they are more religious, better than others, have an imaginary God. The solution I have found is to realize that Jesus is in the least of us and that fact alone makes everyone equal. When we are equal with everyone, we are at peace within with everyone.

C. S. Lewis writes that the Devil laughs at how easy it is to use false pride. Just put EGO in place of the Devil. C. S. Lewis writes that praise is not a problem when you value the praise and not turn it into Pride. I look to be accurate and for others to be accurate. C. S. Lewis writes that it is unhealthy when you are angling for praise. C. S. Lewis writes that when you look down on others so much you do not value their praise, you have Pride. C. S. Lewis writes that real humility comes from getting closer to in touch with Good. C. S. Lewis writes at the end of the chapter: "If you think you are not conceited, it means you are very conceited indeed."

#### Chapter 9: Charity

C. S. Lewis writes that Christian Charity is a choice to Love. The therapist Beck wrote a book "Love is a Choice" C. S. Lewis' test is: "Do not waste time bothering whether you "love" your neighbor, act as if you did." He says we will come to love them. Once upon a time someone told me they could not stand a kid in day care. I suggested asking God: "How can I love this difficult kid?" They ended up one of their favorites. They ended up realizing that they could love anyone by asking God how to love them. My other question is why would I not desire the happiness of everyone since that is God's desire for everyone. We are the only ones in the way of the happiness Good desires for us.

C. S. Lewis writes about the case of the Nazis that hated the Jews, treated them badly and to make that right hated them more. The EGO is like that.

C. S. Lewis writes this profound truth: "Good and evil both increase at compound interest."

C. S. Lewis writes that if you are having a problem with loving God, just act as if you do. He suggests you ask yourself: "If I were sure I loved God, what would I do?" Then do it. Again, Charity to God is a decision, not a feeling. God has already decided to love us no matter what.

#### Chapter 10: Hope

Jesus: Bible in Basic English: Luke 12:31 But let your chief care be for his kingdom, and these other things will be given to you in addition. 32 Have no fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. One of the ten commandments says in effect to keep our focus on the heavens above instead of the earth below.

C. S. Lewis' version is: "It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world

that they have become so ineffective in this.” He has some suggestions on what to do. First realize that the things of this world are just reminders of our kingdom within. Then look within your own heart to realize what you really desire that can not be had in this world. He writes you can be a fool and blame the things of this world that do not satisfy that hole in your heart. Or you can settle for never finding it. Or the Christina way of keeping the desire alive until you die. Jesus and one of my teachers of Good suggest finding it before we die. If you only find a part of it, it can then continue to grow. Part of it is forgiving everything no matter what.

C. S. Lewis is right to not mistake the metaphors for heaven for Heaven.

## Chapter 11: Faith

The Greek word that was translated as faith could have been translated as belief. So, it does not matter much to me which is used. Both faith and belief have consequences, so it is important to know what the consequences are. When I have faith or belief that I can walk on water, it only comes true in the rain or when the sprinkler is on. It could come true for Peter, because he could be in resonance with Jesus that had not yet come as the Holy Spirit. But, now that Jesus is distributed in all of us billions, it is not sensible for me to believe I can walk on the ocean. I do not want to be other than equal to each person here, because I know that way I am equal to each person and at peace with them within myself.

Re read what I wrote in Book I Chapter 4 about an experiment. Do the experiment and at some point your belief can change to knowing. Better to have an open mind like a spiritual scientist.

Because of my own experiences and consequent thoughts on this subject, C. S. Lewis was not of much help. Perhaps I need to re read it some time later to find something that rings true for me.

## Chapter 12: Faith [for Christians]

### Book IV:

#### Beyond Personality: or the First Steps in the Doctrine of the Trinity

##### Chapter 1: Making and Begetting

C. S. Lewis is right that more moral teaching is not a real help. But Jesus said, keep my sayings? Why? So that we could resonate with Him, become pregnant with Him, and then be reborn as Him as a child to grow up again with an Ideal Father and Mother. Zoe came upon me and fused with Bios and turned me inside out and has never finished with me. C. S. Lewis devines Zoe as spiritual life. Making and begetting did not do anything for me.

##### Chapter 2: The Three-Personal God

See my comments in Chapter 4 below.

### Chapter 3: Time and Beyond Time

C. S. Lewis wrote we could skip this Chapter. His illustration did not help me, perhaps it will help someone. My answer to his question of how could Good commune with all of us in prayer is simpler when I think of Good as a Vast Ocean of Love and Mercy. Since the Ocean tastes the same everywhere, we are in contact everywhere. It did not bother me that Jesus like us forgot who he was and remembered over time until he was taken to the desert to have his drop of ocean fall into the Ocean.

### Chapter 4: Good Infection

C. S. Lewis' chapter 4 is trying to explain the 3 persons in one concepts and some add a 4th. It has made things more complex for the church. It mattered when different parts of the church were fighting with each other and it matters when Christians fight with other religions. For me, it does not matter whether I am asking questions of the most high Good, the Holy Spirit, or Jesus. The answers for me and others I work with are the same. Our suggestion is to just drop it.

### Chapter 5: The Obstinate Toy Soldier

C. S. Lewis writes about what I call the EGO fearing death in the transformation process. Mine sure did, but it was wrong then and now. It evolves at different speeds, but the result is that you become more and more of who you are at peace. You make peace by peace, not by war.

C. S. Lewis writes about how the mortal part of Jesus was killed and the immortal Jesus came to life to prove you can not kill Good, or spirit. Now that the least of us has Jesus in them, C. S. Lewis gives us several way to look at it. I'll add another. When Good looks upon us now, He sees only his Son Jesus.

### Chapter 6: Two Notes

No comments.

### Chapter 7: Let's Pretend

The chapters from now on, I have a hard time not suspecting that the scholar went beyond and had experienced and was experiencing the transformation process. No one needs to know for sure, because he wrote about others that were not know for their transformation. When I look at his list of books, I become more sure that he was at least in process.

### Chapter 8: Is Christianity Hard or Easy?

C. S. Lewis wrote: "...the whole universe was made for Christ and everything is to be gathered together in Him." The Universe is already in Good, and we life and move and have our being in That. The people on our planet are in process of being gathered together in Him. We can delay that or speed it up. The hard way is faster and I have given hints of the easier way here. Having

been through hard parts, I recommend the easier way, because I would most likely be where I am because the hard part started as 42 and I am now 72. The 30 years were enough time to end up at the same point.

#### Chapter 9: Counting the Cost

C. S. Lewis' chapter is about not worrying about not being perfect. Long ago, I told my wife I am "Perfectly Imperfect". Even though I am still changing, I am still Perfectly Imperfect. Relax, so are you.

#### Chapter 10: Nice People or New Men

C. S. Lewis has written a great chapter on how we can not judge Christians or non Christians. As an atheist he tried to use this excuse of "Christian" examples, but he was too smart to be fooled. I have heard that Gandhi said he would become a Christian except for Christians. Perhaps he needed an excuse. I like C. S. Lewis' example of using toothpaste. I have seen many Christians not use the toothpaste of forgiveness and too many use the toothpaste of blame and saw the results. That would have been true for Christians and non Christians. I have also seen both Christians and non Christians use the toothpaste of self-forgiveness and watched them blossom. I watched them do it for two years until it was a habit. Then they were tested by their rage. They all used their self-forgiveness toothpaste. All their rage turned into spiritual healing energy that produced spiritual experiences, in every case.

#### Chapter 11: The New Men

C. S. Lewis writes the New Man is a Transformed Man, like from a horse to a flying horse. Just like parts of life in evolution like the dinosaur are obsolete there are parts of the books of the bible that are obsolete because the New Man Jesus superseded them. Dinosaurs may have been recreated by God into birds. That is like a horse becoming Pegasus.

C. S. Lewis starting as an atheist does not have any problem with evolution in this chapter, like I wrote earlier about evolution in my comments on the earlier in Book I Chapter 4. I am a scientist that has an appreciation of the Record in the Rocks and a spiritual scientist that has an appreciation of Jesus' sayings and story.

C. S. Lewis uses evolution to show that the next step could be that mankind becomes the Son of God. That is like I wrote about that it is our job to become the distributed Son of God to complete Jesus' mission as Messiah to bring peace to our planet.

More of us now are volunteering to create change on our planet by increasing energy driving our weather systems. What we need now is more of us to volunteer to be transformed within to get closer and closer to God. That will help more and more to volunteer too. C. S. Lewis may be right that it spreads like a virus. Some will be afraid and not volunteer and miss out. The mistakes of the old church could evolve into the emerging church. Jesus told us the "Ye are Gods." If we are all Gods, that makes up all equal, so it is not something for Pride to restart our mistakes. C. S. Lewis writes that there are some evolving here back when he wrote this. I have

met some of them in the past so I know that is true like he did. C. S. Lewis pointed out that they love you more than others, but need you less. C. S. Lewis points out that the more we let Christ inhabit us, the more we become our true self. He points out we need to know ourselves to have something to give up. He points out how monotonous the EGOs have been and how different the saints have been. It is enough to read this chapter time after time to learn ways how to surrender to the Jesus within the least of us.